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LOCUST GROVE.

After Thomas Minor, Sr., had married Alice Thomas, he purchased, in November, 1742, a tract of land called Johnston's, of 220 acres, for £44 current money, being part of a patent granted William Johnston in 1728.

In the reign of George II, when Sir William Gooch was Lieutenant-Governor of Virginia, on the 1st of October, 1747, Thomas Minor obtained a grant for 263 acres of land in Spotsylvania county. The metes and bounds of said tract of land show that it was a part of Locust Grove. Reference is made to the lines of Farish Lewis, Johnston and Minor. Said grant was probably intended to confirm his title from Johnston.

(TO BE CONCLUDED)

 THE BROOKE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA.

By PROF. ST. GEORGE TUCKER BROOKE, Morgantown, W. Va.

(CONTINUED)

At a Superior Court for the District composed of the counties of Essex, Middlesex, King and Queen, and King William, held at King and Queen Court House on Tuesday the 18th of September, 1801, This last will and testament of William Brooke, deceased, was offered for proof by Richard Brooke the executor therein named and was proved by the oaths of Henry Young and George M. Brooke, two of the witnesses thereunto subscribed and also by the oath of the said executor and is ordered to be recorded.

Test:

ROBERT POLLARD, C. D. C.

A Copy.

Test:

WILLIAM TODD, Clk.

In the year 1808, Thomas Dandridge Price brought suit in the Chancery District Court of Williamsburg against Richard Brooke, executor of William Brooke, to compel execution of the third provision of the will. An attested copy of the will is filed with the bill, and from it the foregoing copy is made. The bill shows that William Brooke died 1st of March, 1894 (at which time he was in his thirtieth year), and that "the debts were few and the estate considerable." The above copy and note were made by me from the original papers in the Clerk's office in Williamsburg, 29 May, 1897.

CHARLES WASHINGTON COLEMAN.

THE WILL OF RICHARD BROOKE OF MANTAPIKE, FILED IN THE
CHANCERY CAUSE OF WILLIAM GARNETT, EXECUTOR OF RICHARD
BROOKE, DECEASED, VS. WILLIAM H. MACON, ET ALS. (6TH CALL
308).*

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.

I desire that all my children shall share equally in my estate.—I authorize my executors herein after named to keep my estate together until they have an opportunity of selling my land on such terms as they approve, or if such an opportunity should not occur they may if it appears advisable to them keep it together until my daughter Elizabeth arrives to the age of twenty one years.

In the event of the sale of my land the residue of my estate I direct to be immediately thereafter divided amongst my children.

Whilst my estate is kept together I direct that each of my children receive an equal proportion of its profits.

I authorize my executors to retain my youngest sons (meaning John, William and Robert) proportions of my estate in their hands until they are twenty three years of age unless they my executors think proper to confide to them the care thereof as they attain to the age of twenty one years, this matter I submit to their discretion.

Lastly I appoint my son George, my son-in-law William Garnett and my friend James Hunter, executors to this will and guardians to my children of whom I desire no security may be required and who will exercise their own discretion as to the arrangements most proper to make for the payment of my debts. I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th of December, in the year 1815.

RICH'D BROOKE (Seal).

The words "and guardians to my children" interlined on the other page before acknowledgement.

Witness:

MARIA W. PRICE,
RICHARD P. LUDLOW,
JAS. L. COX.

At a Court held for King and Queen County at the Courthouse on Monday the 13th of January, 1817.

This last will and testament of Richard Brooke deceased was offered for proof by William Garnett one of the executors therein named and was proved by the oaths of Maria W. Price and Jas. L. Cox two of the

*This is evidently only so much of the will of Richard Brooke as was deemed necessary for the purposes of that cause.

witnesses thereto subscribed and also by the oath of the said executor and is ordered to be recorded.

Teste: ROBERT POLLARD, C. C.

A Copy Teste: ROBERT POLLARD, C. C.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
Eastern District of Virginia, } ss.

I, M. F. Pleasants, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the will of Richard Brooke duly taken, and correctly copied from Record Book No. 17 of said Court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court, at Richmond, Virginia, this 14th day of October, A. D., 1903.

M. F. PLEASANTS, Clerk.

[SEAL]

By JOSEPH P. BRADY, Deputy Clerk.

COLONEL GEORGE BROOKE OF MANTAPIKE.

Since the last issue of this Magazine (October, 1903), the writer has seen two different copies of the will of George Brooke of Mantapike, one of them the official copy filed in the chancery cause of William Garnett, executor of Richard Brooke, deceased, *vs.* William Macon, *et al.* (6 Call, 308), and the other filed in the Land Office in Richmond, Va., among the Revolutionary claims, packet No. 8005; in both of these copies he appoints his brother Robert Brooke (not *Richard*) as one of his executors. George of Mantapike does not seem to have had a brother Richard. Certainly no trace of him can be found; but he did have a brother Robert who married, 1st, Anne Aylett, and married, 2d, Lucy Dabney. He seems to have had a brother Paulin who must have died young. Colonel George Brooke's maternal grandmother (wife of George Braxton, Sr.) was probably a Miss Paulin, a daughter of Thomas Paulin, a justice of old Rappahannock in 1688. He was born before 28 September, 1728, and died in Richmond, Va., 7th April, 1782 (*Gazette*); he was long a justice; member of the House of Burgesses, 1766, 1768, 1769, 1770, 1774, 1775, and probably other years; member of the King and Queen Committee of Safety, 1774-'5; Virginia Conventions of 1775 and 1776; paymaster of the 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th regiments of Virginia troops, 1776; "paymaster of the army;" Colonel in the Virginia line; member of the State Senate, 1777-'79; treasurer of Virginia, 1780-1782 (Legislative lists; journals; *Calendar Virginia State Papers*, VIII, pp. 91, 116, 144, 149; *Virginia Historical Collections*, X, p. 374; *William & Mary Quarterly*, V, p. 105; Land Office Records.

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